

REMARKS

By this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicants provide replacement formal drawings of Figs. A, 1.1-1.5, 2.1-2.4, 2.5(a) and (b), 2.6-2.8, 2.9(a) and 9(b), and 3.1, which have been renumbered as Figs. 1-17. The replacement drawings are of sufficient quality and are otherwise in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84. The replacement drawings are fully supported by the specification and thus do not introduce new matter to the application.

In the Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, directed to claims 1-46; Group II, directed to claims 47-68; and Group III, directed to claims 69-108.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, directed to claims 1-46. Accordingly, Applicants request that claims 1-46 be examined and that claims 47-108 be withdrawn from consideration.

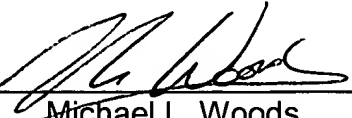
Furthermore, in the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requested that the Applicants submit a copy of PCT Application No. PCT/IE00/00059. As such, Applicants submit a copy of this PCT application with this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Additionally, Applicants confirm that the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed March 1, 2002, was the first Amendment filed in this case. Accordingly, the Amendment was incorrectly identified as a supplemental Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment be entered and the requested changes made. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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